

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Pharmacy is one of the oldest of the health professions concerned with the health and well-being of all people; and,

Whereas, Today, there are over 195,000 pharmacists practicing in the United States providing services to assure the rational and safe use of all medication; and,

Whereas, The use of medication, as a cost-effective alternative to more expensive medical procedures, is becoming a major force in moderating overall health care costs; and,

Whereas, Today's powerful medications require greater attention to the manner in which they are used by different patient population groups, both clinically and demographically; and,

Whereas, It is important that all users of prescription and nonprescription medications, or their caregivers, be knowledgeable about and share responsibility for their own drug therapy; and,

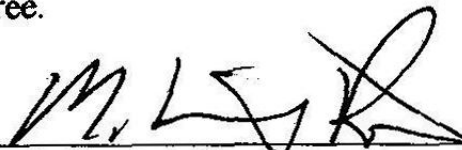
Whereas, The American Pharmaceutical Association, the South Dakota Pharmacists Association, the South Dakota Society of Health-System Pharmacists, and the Joint Commission of Pharmacy Practitioners, have declared the final complete week of October as National Pharmacy Week:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 19-25, 2003, as

PHARMACY WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

